

REMARKS

Currently pending are claims 1-52, 58 and 60-74. Claims 53-57, and 59 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-9, 11, 14-16, 18-20, 22-28, 30-31, 33, 35, 37-39, 41, 43-45, 47, and 49-52 have been amended. These claims have been amended to
5 comport with U.S. patent practice. Claims 60-74 have been added. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and *e.g.* at page 7, line 1 – page 27, line 13, and at page 279, line 16 – page 280, line 32.

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to clarify the claimed subject matter. No new matter is added with these amendments. Applicants respectfully request
10 entry of the amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any further discussion of this communication would be helpful, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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